



Celebrating Women's History Month

Women in Charge

By JO2 Carmichael Yopez
Editor

Nearly 100 years have passed since women first started serving in the Navy. It began in 1908 when they first served as Navy Nurses. Then in 1917, when the United States was preparing to enter World War I, they served in the Reserves as Navy Yeomen freeing up enlisted men for active service at sea.

The enrollment of women has continuously increased ever since. At first, no rank structure was given to them and they normally served in clerical positions. Today, they serve in

almost every Navy community including fighter pilots, crossing all ranks from seaman to admiral.

At Naval Air Facility El Centro, women can be found in every area performing different duties from building bombs, to fixing aircraft and running entire departments, including:

ACCS (AW/SW) Renae Morin Air Traffic Control Facility Officer for NAF. She is responsible for ensuring pilots fly in a safe environment when they come here to train. Her other duties include the control of airspace usage/conflicts and setting procedures for the

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ACCS (AW/SW) Renae Morin from the Operations Department, is one of many women at NAF El Centro taking charge.

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Women taking charge

El Centro

At NAF El Centro you will find women in command in almost every department from housing to security personnel to leading the team in making sure our meals are as delicious as possible.

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controllers. When it comes to air show time, she is the Air Boss, making sure all communications, coordination and documentation with the FAA is complete and accurate.

"My experience in the Navy has been great. I have had some great leaders in my career who always looked out for their Sailors and set good examples," said Morin. "From the moment I decided to reenlist the first time, I was determined that I was going to put on the anchors, which has been one of the highlights in my career. My present goal is to continue with my education, receive a degree, and of course, make Master Chief."

CSC (SW/AW) Lillian Fredeluces, Leading Chief Petty Officer for NAF's Supply Department is responsible for the



Culinary Specialist Chief
Lillian Fredeluces

quality assurance of the food service operation contracts at the galley.

"It has been a tough challenge for me because I am a wife and mother of five," said

Fredeluces. "But overall, the Navy has given me some great opportunities and experiences in life. When I first joined, my goal was to one day wear the khaki uniform. Now that my goal has been accomplished, I feel satisfied and very thankful for the things I was able to do in my Navy career."

Assistant Fire Chief Jamie Wood is the site manager for the Federal Fire Department in El Centro, as well as the Coronado Complex in San Diego. She oversees fire emergency services for the base and acts as



Jamie Woods
Assistant Fire Chief

the incident commander if a situation was to occur. Her experience as a firefighter, a service usually manned by men, spans more than 20 years.

"When I first started, I was the only female in the agency. At first they did not know how to react, or what to expect because they didn't have any women around," said Woods. "But once I proved myself, it became a non-issue. When we are dressed up in our gear you can't tell if you are a man or a woman, it's all generic, you are just a firefighter."



Housing Director
Clara Parrish

Clara Parrish is the Housing and Combined Bachelor Housing (CBH) Director for NAF El Centro. She has more than 18 years of experience in housing/billeting, including seven years in the Air Force as a services officer. Upon her release from active duty, she joined the Air Force Reserves where she still serves as a Major. In May of 2003, she arrived to NAF from Pensacola, Fla., where she owned her own consulting business. Prior to that she taught Family and Consumer Services at a high school. At NAF, Parrish directs the operations of all family housing and serves as primary Quality Assurance evaluator for the CBH contract.

MACS (SW/AW) Cheryl Petterson is the Assistant Security Officer for NAF. She oversees the daily operations and assignments of all personnel in the Security Department.

"I have certainly surpassed my expectations I had set for my self," said Patterson. "I have traveled the world and received my bachelor's degree. I learned a



Master at Arms Senior Chief
Cheryl Patterson

lot of vaulable lessons and experiences in the Navy that will allways be useful to me."

Ensign Karen Nordine is the physician's assistant for Branch Medical Clinic. Besides

being the on-call care provider, she is responsible for active duty sick call emergencies on base, as well as the disaster preparedness officer for mass casualties.



Physician's Assistant Ensign
Karen Nordine

"I've enjoyed my experience with the Navy," said Nordine, who is prior enlisted.

Nordine is also one of NAF's top athletes and one of a few triathletes on base. Her favorite distance is the half iron-man where she swims 1.2 miles, bikes 56 miles and finishes with a 13-mile run.

These are only a few of the women who are leading Sailors and civilians in the 21st century, but there are countless examples of women of courage and vision in the Navy. Since 1908 and their authorization to enlist in 1917, the role women have played has expanded tremendously within the armed forces. Since then women continue to have a positive and ever increasing impact to our country embracing the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment.



Valentine's Renewal Ceremony

By JO2 Carmichael Yezpe
Editor

"These are some of the most powerful and wonderful words that can be said," LCDR (Chaplain) Robert Church said during the vows renewal ceremony. Three couples said, "I do" on Saturday February 14 at the base chapel.

"These words are not to be taken lightly," he added with caution. "For better or for worse until we are parted by death," he added as the couples gazed into each other's eyes holding hands.

The Chaplain concluded the ceremony by saying, "You may now kiss."

According to RP2 Leslie Williams, this is the second year the base chapel held the vow renewal ceremony. "This is one of the good



From left to right: Carlisle and Gladys Crane, Charles and Laura Keeton, LT (Chaplain) Robert Church and ABFC (AW) Jose Butor with wife Margarita.

ways to express your love for your significant other on Valentine's day," said Williams.

For ABFC (AW) Jose Butor and his wife Margarita, who recently transferred here from Atsugi, Japan, the vows renewal ceremony on

Valentine's has become more of a tradition. "We have been married for 11 years and have renewed our vows for the past five," said Chief Butor. "Doing this every year gives us a stronger relationship."

Recognizing and using your talents

By Dr. Lynn Flowers
Family Advocacy representative

A few years ago, a cousin came to visit with me. He had recently retired from a long and successful career in electronics. He knew electronics so well he could easily do the wiring for a house. He could also easily repair computers and even antique radios.

As we visited with each other, he showed me some earrings he had made for his wife out of nails and other pieces of hardware. His wife wore some of the jewelry he had made. Even though I am not an expert in the crafting of jewelry, I thought the jewelry was unattractive. Rather than telling him what I really thought of the



jewelry, I said it was a creative use of hardware and it looked as if it took a great deal of time and effort.

My cousin told me he didn't really feel his jewelry making was a great skill, but he was trying to discover what his talents were. He said even though he was in his 60's, he had not been able to discover what his talents are. So, he decided to make jewelry and to do other things until he could find his talents.

I told my cousin I didn't understand what he meant when he said he couldn't recognize any

talents within himself. He seemed puzzled by my apparent lack of understanding. He said he had worked for many years and he hadn't had the time to uncover his God-given talents. He could not play the piano or any musical instrument. He didn't have a good singing voice. And he couldn't become a great actor for television or even for a local play.

I told my cousin I felt he had many talents. For example, he was a skilled in electronics and with computers. He loved working in this area, and he had provided a good life for his family with this talent. My cousin disagreed. He said his skills in electronics were good, but occupational aptitudes skills are not really talents. He said other people have done better than he did in electronics. I told my cousin he had a great talent in electronics, but he might not

recognize it.

Very few people become professional athletes, famous actors, or professional musicians. Very few military people will become flag officers. Fortunately, we don't need these achievements to live successful lives. All of us have talents. Some talents are in the arts and crafts. Other talents are in the ability to learn skills or to be a leader. Other talents can be personality strengths such as the ability to persevere in spite of hardship, or to comfort a friend or a loved one in times of crisis.

Examine your life and be aware of your successes. You will see you have many talents. Make sure you use them for your benefit and for the welfare of others.

Contact the Fleet and Family Support Office at 339-2241 for further information.



Branch Medical Sailors receive CFC recognition

By HM1 Francisco Castellano
Branch Medical Clinic

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) gives Sailors and civilians a good way to make donations to organizations that are employee-focused, cost-efficient to help others.

For federal employees and active duty personnel, we are given a chance to select an organization to make our contributions through payroll deductions. It doesn't matter how much you give, there's no limit to help a worthy cause. CFC continues to be the largest and most successful fundraising organization in the world, thanks to people like you and me that make contributions.

At Branch Medical Clinic El Centro, we have a couple of very generous Sailors who donated money to various organizations.

HM3 Floyd Barbee received the Blue Eagle award for his contribution. The Blue Eagle award is the second highest award for the CFC. Barbee also received an eagle medallion as well as an eagle pin for his contributions.

"For me, it's the right thing to do," said Barbee. "Giving to people who might need a little help."

Other Sailors who received recognition pins were LT David Danish and HM1 Damiana Ligaralde.

"In order to give, you have to do it for selfless reasons," said Ligaralde "For me, it has become a tradition every year. It's a good feeling and you know you are helping people in need."

The CFC began in the early 60's and has expanded helping make good things possible for many people worldwide. It is

everyone's choice to contribute, but the choice you make, can make a big difference in someone's life.

Your generosity can help families from all over the world get back on their feet. People in Third World countries receive proper nutrition, medical care, and cures for diseases.

Every dollar you give goes a long way to help renew hope and give a better chance to millions worldwide.

For more information on how you can help, visit the CFC at www.opm.gov/cfc.



LT David Danish, HM3 Floyd Barbee and HM1 Damiana Ligaralde.

Keeping a *safe* housing environment

By Tony Hunt
Housing

Vacant Units: Have you noticed activity in or around the vacant housing units next door to you and there aren't any maintenance trucks around? If your answer is yes please call the Housing Office 339-2920 and let us know. Other than maintenance workers or a housing representative, there should be no activity in or around vacant houses. Vandalism is costly and takes your housing money away from other projects to repair/restore the unit back to move-in condition. Please remember vacant units are not playgrounds for children or pets. Entering or playing around vacant units can be dangerous and costly to you. You are responsible for the actions of your dependents.



Please don't take this lightly. Sit down with your children and discuss this before it becomes a problem. We ask you to keep an eye on the house next door to you. We want neighborhoods to be safe and also make sure our children are not put in undue danger.

Children Playing In Streets: You as parents are well aware that it's normal for kids to play in the streets. After all it's a quiet residential area. However when a child is old enough to play in the street they should be able to read, watch for cars and act responsible. More and more frequently very little children are playing out in the streets. They don't know how to read or how to play safely.

Everyone has a nice fenced-in backyard to give those little ones a safe place to play. The streets should not be their playgrounds.

The speed limit in housing is **15 mph** but a car is a big object and might not be able to stop fast enough for a toddler darting out into the street from between parked cars or on one of those low riding bicycles.

I'm sure none of us wants a family tragedy or to be the unfortunate person that caused a tragedy. For your sake, your child's and the driver's keep your child safe in your backyard or take them to one of the playgrounds.

In the same sense teach your older children to play and ride their bikes responsibly. Pedestrians have the right of way but playing chicken with a car is outright stupidity. Also as mature adults old enough to have a driver's license, remember the speed limit in housing is **15 MPH**.



By JO2 Carmichael Yopez
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"Wow! ... Did you see that? "Oh" look, there they go again," said David Davidson, now in his 70's as he gazed to the sky with awe.

He was looking at the Blue Angels as they flew inches apart while performing a maneuver called the Knife Edge Pass.

"I could stand here watching these guys all day," said Davidson, who was stationed here in the '50s and was recently on a tour of the base. "You folks are really lucky to see this every day."

Indeed, NAF El Centro residents are lucky to witness some of the most astonishing aerial maneuvers the United States Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the "Blue Angels" perform.

Saturday, March 13 is the culmination of three months of intense practice at this year's air show featuring the Blue Angels.

Spectators will be awe-struck as the Blue Angels perform some of the most daring, and hair-raising maneuvers pushing their F/A-18s to the limit. Maneuvers like the "Diamond Roll," the "Delta Loop" and the "Sneak Pass," will send chills through your body as jets fly by at incredible speeds roaring above

your head.

Fat Albert, the Blue Angels Marine Corps C-130 Hercules Transport aircraft, will perform Jet Assisted Take Off (JATO) launch as the 155,000-pound giant leaps into the sky with an extra 8,000 pounds of thrust.

Other performances include the U.S. Navy's Seal Parachute team, the "Leap Frogs," the U.S. Air Force's F-16 demo team and a F-117 Stealth Aircraft.

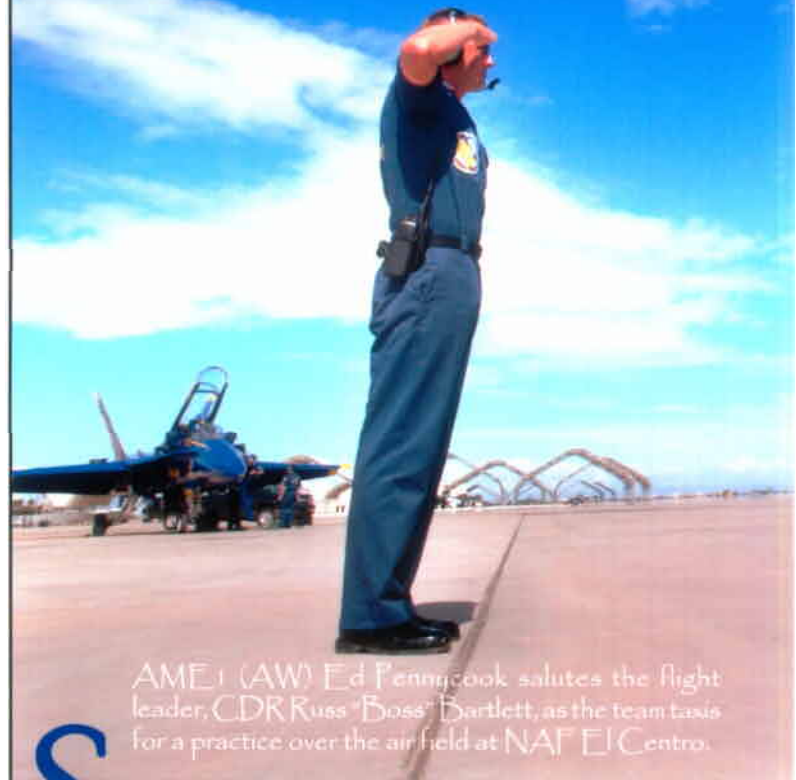
World-renowned acrobatic civilian performers like John Collier in his AT-6, Greg Poe flying his Edge 540, Bill Cornick in his Pitts S-2C, Eric Beard's Russian Thunder YAK-54 and many more will amaze air show crowds with their dizzying stunts and gravity defying dive turns and spins.

On the ground, different aircraft will be displayed as well as food booths and vendors.

Gates will open at 9 a.m. with flying starting at 9:30. Admission is free to the public.

As a reminder, no weapons or pets will be allowed on board NAF El Centro. All vehicles, bags and coolers are subject to search. Coolers will not be allowed in the venue area. For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at (760) 339-2519, or look for our link on our Web site at www.nafec.navy.mil.

2004 NAF El Centro Food Fest & Air Show



Schedule of Events

Food Fest Friday evening

5:00 Gates open to public

5:30 Food Festival Begins

5:40 Navy Band Millennium

6:00 Bert Night JATO Take Off

6:15 Leap Frogs Parachute Jump

8:00 Sail Plane Magic

8:15 Russian Thunder

8:30 Wall of Fire

9:00 Silent Auction Ends

10:00 Food Fest ends

Air Show Saturday

8:00 Gates Open

9:00 Gates announced open

9:30 Flying starts

2:00 Blue Angels



Flying into Freedom

Photo By: PH2 (AW/NAC) Ryan Courtade



Photo By: PH2 (AW/NAC) Ryan Courtade

Food Fest



Photos By: JO2 Carmichael Yopez

The sixth annual "Food Fest" will be held at NAF El Centro Hangar six from 5:30 to 10 p.m., on Friday, March 12.

This is the perfect opportunity to enjoy great food from local restaurants and mingle with the Blue Angels and other military and civilian air show performers.

Entertainment includes the contemporary sounds of the United States Navy Band "Millenium."

If you like excitement, you will enjoy Imperial Valley's only aerial pyrotechnic night show, featuring Fat Albert's JATO takeoff, Sail Plane Magic, Russian Thunder and the U.S. Navy Seals Leapfrogs Sunset jump plus many static displays.

You will be able to cast a bid during the silent auction for quality aviation memorabilia, collectibles and rides with civilian acrobatic performers.

Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. Tickets are available at the Mirage Club and MWR Payroll Office.

For more information, call (760) 339-2332 or 2214.





Seeley *First* graders visit NAF

By JO2 Carmichael Yopez
Editor

You could barely see their heads reaching over the windowsill when they arrived in the yellow school bus. Their eyes were wide open trying to catch a glimpse of the roaring jets flying by.

"Wow! PJ you must have the neatest dad," said one child as he exited the bus.

It was the first grade class from

Seeley Elementary School taking a tour of NAF El Centro. For the second year in a row, CDR Peter Hayes, executive officer, has volunteered to bring his son PJ and his entire class for a visit to the base.

"Even though we are neighbors, many of the children had not been to the base; so after speaking with Mr. Boquist, my son's teacher, we were able to arrange for a tour," said Hayes. "It gives them an opportunity to see some of the many jobs we do in the military and it gives



CDR Peter Hayes, executive officer, and his son PJ, 6, lead PJ's class to the T34-C aircraft.

us a chance to show some of the good role models we have."

For PJ and his classmates this was a big treat, especially when it came time to sit in the cockpit of a T34-C trainer aircraft. "This is awesome," said 5-year-old Justin

Sauceda, as he pulled levers in the plane.

The tour included going to the operations tower, meeting Sparky and the fire crew, members from the Branch Medical Clinic, the Weather Department and Security.

Score a Knockout with NKO

By NC1 Pamela Jensen
Command Career Counselor

Have you seen the wealth of information available to you at Navy Knowledge Online? Or do you think that it is just a fad and the Navy will soon let it go by the wayside? Think of this as one-stop shopping — it has a lot of information in one website. Don't

short-change yourself — be greedy and do something for YOU!!

Education: Advancement study techniques, SMART transcript access, GED information, degree roadmaps to use your Navy schools and knowledge for that AS/AA or higher and a whole lot more are in the Personnel Development section under "My Education" in NKO.

Finance: Calculators of several types can be found in "My Finance" of the Personnel Development section. Mortgage, credit cards, autos, budget, savings, retirement, mutual funds...there is even a link to the Morning star stock report.

Want to play a LEGAL game on the computer??? Go into the Leadership section and checkout the Leadership Challenge.

Courses to be advanced can be found here too. YOU are the one increasingly responsible for ensuring you get the training, knowledge and skills to do your job and be able to promote. As the 5 Vector Model (5VM) becomes the norm, YOU will be the one responsible to ensure your training is electronically documented so you can apply for the billets you want next tour. NKO is one of the main ways you will access a personalized transcript which details your training experiences, information on your career plan, mentor contact information, rank/

rate announcements, and links and bookmarks to important web pages.

The Five Vector Model (5VM) is the tool that the Navy will use to identify the skills that both Sailors and the Navy need for career growth and mission accomplishment. The vectors address professional and personal development, professional military education and leadership, certifications and qualifications, and performance. A detailed explanation of the 5VM and what the components are for each level (recruit, apprentice, journeyman and master) can be found here. The 5VM for each rating has not been completed, but you can learn the basics now. Making use of the 5VM will allow Sailors to map out and measure their progress as they move through the recruit, apprentice, journeyman, and master career phases.

Log on to <https://www.nko.navy.mil/>, sign up and do something for yourself!!



PN3 Elizabeth Lucio has found a lot of useful information on NKO.



Master Chief wins pushup competition

By JO2 Carmichael Yepez

Editor

At the age of 40, ITCM (SW) Douglas Lattimer came in first place in the men's category with 150 pushups in less than two minutes. This would make him a super athlete by Navy standards.

"When I showed up at the contest, I wasn't thinking of doing 150 pushups," said Lattimer. "When I heard another guy who was 52 had

done 145, is when I went for the 150."

It has been almost two years since Lattimer started visiting the gym with dedication.

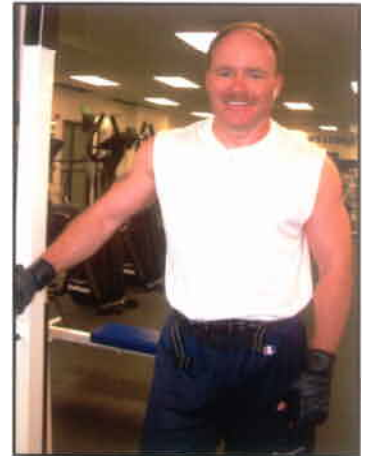
"I make excuses to go to the gym," said Lattimer. Within the past year, he lost more than 35 pounds going from a size 37 to a size 32. His blood pressure has gone down and his overall health has improved.

"The last time I wore a size 32 was in the 80's, when I was

a second class," grinned Lattimer. "I haven't been in better shape in 15 years."

Lattimer spends two hours at the gym every day. He starts off on the aerobics machines and then lifts weights. One of his favorite machines is the stair master, because it really gives him a good workout.

Lattimer said he was really surprised all the young Sailors would let an old Master Chief show them up.



Master Chief Lattimer says he has never felt better.

NAF El Centro Fitness Center goes "High-Tech"

By JO2 Carmichael Yepez

Editor

Have you been to the fitness center lately? It just keeps getting better. First it was the installation of state of the art equipment, the latest in the fitness industry, and now they have added "Broadvision Cardio Theater."

If you like to workout on the treadmills and other cardio machines, you can now tune in to your favorite TV program by the simple touch of a button. Whether it is Oprah, Jerry Springer, music videos or sports, each cardio machine has been equipped with a 15"

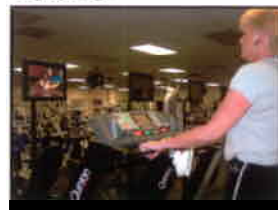


flat panel monitor screen that is controlled individually.

Command Evaluator Donna Coon visits the fitness center four to five times a week and spends most of her workout on the cardio machines. The addition of Broadvision means she can now tune into Judge Joe Brown while she works out.

"I think this is great," said Coon. "It was kind of boring before, because

you couldn't really focus on the music or the different shows on the different TVs. Now you can't even feel you are really working out, because you are looking at something you are enjoying."



According to Joanne Jutras, Fitness Center Coordinator, NAF El Centro is the only fitness center in the region to have these screens.

"This is the first Navy

installation we placed these in," said Frank McDonald from Broadcast Vision, Inc., the company who makes the screens specifically for fitness centers. "We normally install these in five star resort hotels and spas around the world."

According to Jutras, she first saw the screens at a fitness convention, and then went to a Bally's in Los Angeles where she received positive feedback.

"They keep people on the machines longer," said Jutras. "They are stress free, because they are able to control whatever they want to

see. Patrons were staying on the machines for 20 minutes, but with the new screens, they are staying 45 minutes to an hour.

Fifteen machines were upgraded with the new television screens, which are controlled with a remote control at each station. Personal headphones can be used for listening, or they can be checked out at the front counter.

With this new technology, missing your favorite episode of "COPS" will no longer be an excuse to stay away from the gym, making the term couch potato take on a new meaning.

NAF leads Holtville Carrot Festival parade



On Saturday February 7, members of the NAF El Centro Color Guard lead the Holtville Carrot Festival parade. Following behind was the biggest entry in the parade, Strike Fighter's A6.



Sailor's dream of *becoming* U.S. citizen comes true

By JO2 Carmichael Yepez
Editor

"I see we have someone from the military," said Immigration Judge Honorable Dennis James. He was referring to AM2 Efrén Coronado from NAF El Centro's Strike Detachment as he stood out among 20 individuals preparing to take the oath of citizenship at

the Calexico east port of entry on Friday Feb 20.

When Coronado joined the Navy in 1996 his dream was to one day become a U.S. citizen.

"I felt great relief," said Coronado. "I had been waiting for this moment for so long."

Prior to giving the oath, the judge stressed on the importance of serving in the military and mentioned this was one of the

duties they might be asked to perform as U.S. citizens.

"When we are at war, or at war with terrorism it is important to remember that you might be called upon to defend your country. Even as civilians, if it gets really tough, you might be asked to help out too."

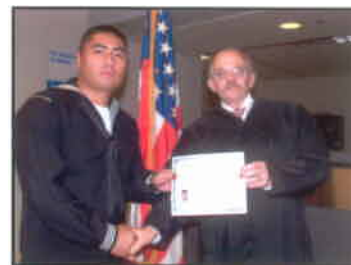
These words only made Coronado feel proud, as he was in his dress blues uniform.

After repeating the oath, the judge talked about the importance of voting.

"You should be learning about voting," said James. "If you don't vote you are really handicapped about complaining."

For Coronado becoming a citizen will open a window of opportunities he has long been waiting for.

"People would always ask me if I was going to vote, but I would



AM2 Coronado and Honorable Dennis James.

always have to come up with an excuse because I was embarrassed to tell them the reason why I couldn't vote," said Coronado. "Now I can proudly say I'm a United States Citizen, and the first thing I'm going to do is exercise my right to vote."

Coronado recently transferred from NAF, he will report to USS Peleliu (LHA 5) in San Diego. Coronado was one of many service members who recently received their citizenship at NAF.

For more information on how to become a citizen call LT David Rodriguez at 339-2673



AM2 Coronado was one of 20 people who received their Citizenship.

Meet NAF's Athlete of the Month

By JO2 Carmichael Yepez
Editor



She spends her lunchtime treading, pushing and lifting at the base gym six times a week. This has pretty much become a routine she has followed since she was on USS Belleau Wood (LHA 3).

These days, Assistant Security Officer, MACS (SW/AW) Cheryl Patterson is one of the more familiar faces at the base gym. The dedication and amount of time she has invested has definitely paid off. Most recently she won the women's pushup contest winning with 51 pushups in less than two minutes. For females to receive an outstanding in the Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) test, they would have to do 37 pushups in the 19 to 25 age group. Patterson, who is now 42, said working out everyday has helped her maintain a decent weight and within PFA standards.

"I like to workout during my lunch hour because it helps breakup the day," said Patterson. "It helps you to rejuvenate and allows you to come back to work with a fresh mind. It gives you a change of environment



for an hour, and when you return, your attentions are where they need to be."



PFA April 28, 29, 30 at 8 p.m at the base gym. Body weight will take place April 21,22,23 at 0700 same place. For more information call MAC Philip Burnett at 339-2547.





Welcome Aboard!

Welcome aboard to our new Sailors and their families. From left to right: MSC (AW) Jose Lapid (Supply Department), AC3 Chadwick Miles (Operations Department), PR2 Austin Williams and AM1 Mark Pritchard (Strike Fighter Detachment).



Navy Ball Committee



Attention to Quarters

By JO2 Carmichael Yopez
Editor












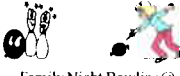




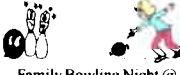


Quarters was held on February 19 at Bldg. 401. The following awards were presented:

Above, LT Ernuel Miranda received a Navy Commendation Medal. Top right clockwise: MA2 Gregory Spalding received a NAM, Pamela Friesen was awarded Civilian of the Quarter,

first quarter 2004. The following personnel received an LOC: ENS Gabriel Parrilla, ITC (SW) Jon McPherson, AM1 (AW) Robert Mersino, NC1 (AW) Pamela Jensen, SK1 (SW) Robert Smeltzer, AZ2 (AW) Maricela Martinez, HM3 Floyd Barbee, MASN Kimberlee Mondro, DKSJ Jason Taylor and Lilia Rubalcava.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sundowner Bar New Hours 5 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>Free Tennis Lessons Call the Fitness Center at Ext. 2489</p> <p>Car Hunter now available at the Auto Hobby Shop \$25 a day Ext. 2689</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Navy League Steak Dinner W/Blue Angels at the Mirage at 5 p.m. Ext. 2330</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Snowbird Buffet every Tuesday @ the Mirage Club from 5 to 8 p.m. Ext 339-2330</p> <p></p> <p>Karaoke Night Tuesdays @ the Mirage Club 8 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Water Aerobics & High Aerobics Daily @ Small Pool 10 to 11 a.m. Ext. 2627</p> <p></p> <p>Ladies Night Wednesdays @ the Mirage Club 8 to 11:30 p.m. Ext 2330</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p></p> <p>Looney Tunes Back in Action (PG) 7 p.m. Bldg 401</p>	<p>6</p> <p></p> <p>The Rundown (PG-13) 5 p.m. Bldg 401 The Matrix Revolutions (R) 7 p.m.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p></p> <p>Karaoke Night Tuesdays @ the Mirage Club 8 p.m.</p> <p>Snowbird Buffet every Tuesday @ the Mirage Club from 5 to 8 p.m. Ext 339-2330</p>	<p>10</p> <p></p> <p>Ladies Night Wednesdays @ the Mirage Club 8 to 11:30 p.m. Ext 2330</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Food Fest At Hangar 6 5:30 to 10 p.m. Purchase tickets at the Mirage or call Ext 2627</p> <p></p>	<p>13</p> <p>NAF El Centro Air Show 9:30 to 4 p.m.</p> <p></p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p></p> <p>Karaoke Night Tuesdays @ the Mirage Club 8 p.m.</p> <p>Capt. Cup Wally Ball Begins 5 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p></p> <p>Ladies Night Wednesdays @ the Mirage Club 8 to 11:30 p.m. Ext 2330</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p></p> <p>Snow White (PG) 7 p.m. Bldg 401</p> <p></p> <p>Family Night Bowling @ Bowling Center 6 to 10 p.m. Ext 2575</p>	<p>20</p> <p></p> <p>Intolerable Cruelty (PG-13) 5 p.m. Bldg 401 The Missing (R) 7 p.m.</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p></p> <p>Karaoke Night Tuesdays @ the Mirage Club 8 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Ladies Night Wednesdays @ the Mirage Club 8 to 11:30 p.m. Ext 2330</p> <p></p>	<p>25</p> <p>Parent Advisory Board Meeting @ the Mirage Club 11:30 a.m. call 339-2330</p>	<p>26</p> <p></p> <p>The Land Before Time (G) 7 p.m. Bldg 401</p> <p></p> <p>Family Bowling Night @ Bowling Center every Friday 6 to 10 p.m. Ext 2575</p>	<p>27</p> <p></p> <p>Duplex (PG-13) 5 p.m. Bldg 401 Lost in Translation (R) 7 p.m.</p> <p>Go-Kart Track Grand Re-Opening Day</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p></p>			



Number three Crew Chief, AO1 (AW)
Eric Velazquez takes a shot of the
number 6 hole.

Bragging rights belong to the Blues maintenance team

By Jay Underwood
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The Navy's elite Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels proved they are number one on the golf course during the first Blue Angels Golf Outing on Friday February 27.

The Blues Crew also showed they can play elite golf when they shot four under par 29 to win the golf outing.

Although there was a three-

way tie, an eagle on Rio Bends gold course second hole held up to win the outing.

"This is an excellent idea," said AE2 (AW) Derek Leone from the Blues Maintenance department. "It gives us a chance to play with the locals and with some of the guys from the base."

The trophy will be displayed at the Mirage Club for the next year until a new champion takes

Photos By: JO2 Carmichael Yezep



AT2 (AW) James Reilly from the Blues video department stands next to his playing buddies Howie Geretencord (yellow shirt), Jeol Bushman and Bud Moyer (red shirt). Moyer's son was a former Blue Angel pilot from 1996 to 1997.

their place. Next golf outing is March 24.